

nor given any hint in reference to action
upon the territorial integrity of, or the open door in, China.

I trust you have noticed that the American battleship

fleet has completed its tour of South America on schedule

time, and is now having its target practice off the Mexican

coast. After visiting San Francisco and Puget Sound, it

will start on its return voyage via Australia, Japan, China,

the Philippines, and the Suez Canal. When it leaves the

Orient it will have to hurry home without stopping. I

saw the ships leave Hampton Roads, and if possible I shall

go thither again to see them rise over the world's sea rim

as they steam homewards into harbor after their long

voyage.

Their target practice has been excellent.

With high regards, believe me,

Very faithfully your friend,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

His Imperial Majesty

William II,

Emperor of Germany,

Berlin.

(In the Kaiser's own hand)

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1908.

My dear President Roosevelt:

Your kind letter of April 5th reached me a few days ago

and has given me real pleasure and satisfaction. You are

quite right in thinking that it has been my constant wish

to promote and foster the friendship between the United

States and Germany. I have done it because I consider it

to be in the interest of the two great nations that have so

much in common, and I sincerely hope that the good will

between our two countries will continue in its constant

development.

I thank you most heartily for the very
effective work
you have done in this direction.

That the way in which my Ambassador has
fulfilled